

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A guidewire exit tool includes a pin that is insertable into a guidewire channel of a rapid exchange-type catheter. The pin has at least one tapered end that urges a guidewire out of a slit in guidewire channel. In one embodiment the exit tool has an oval handle
5 that is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis of the pin such that the tool can be easily grasped and moved along the guidewire channel.